

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on April 30, 2009.

Claims 8, 9, and 21 are amended; claims 1-7 and 15-20 were previously canceled, without prejudice to or disclaimer by the Applicant; as a result, claims 8-14 and 21-29 are now pending in this application.

Example support for the amendments may be found throughout the original filed specification. By way of example only, the Examiner's attention is directed to the original filed specification page 9 lines 16-24; page 14 lines 9-16; .

§ 103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 8-14 and 21-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Amdur et al. (U.S. 2008/0134286) in view of Tsudik (U.S. 6,072,875). Obviousness requires that each and every element in the rejected claims be taught or suggested in the proposed combination of references.

The learned Examiner has relied upon the Amdur reference for teaching the "contract" defined in the independent claims. In support of this contention, the Examiner has recited paragraphs 95 and 96 of Amdur. These paragraphs define access policies for authentication a user and controlling access to a resource or service. This is a duality relationship between the user and the resource or the user and the service. Applicant's independent claims recite a "contract" that defines a tripartite relationship among a principal, a service, and a resource. The service is used to access the resource on behalf of the principal. This interaction and the Applicant's defined "contract" are also not shown or suggested in the Tsudik reference.

Thus, the proposed combination fails to teach or suggest each and every element of the Applicant's amended independent claims. So, Applicant respectfully requests that the learned Examiner remove the rejections of record and allow claims 8-14 and 21-29.

Additionally, the proposed combination does not show or suggest deriving the service contract from an identity configuration of the principal.

Moreover, Applicant has reworded a number of elements in the claims to positively recite those elements.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully asserts the proposed combination fails to teach or suggest each and every element in the rejected claims; so, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner remove the rejections and allow claims 8-14 and 21-29.

Reservation of Rights

In the interest of clarity and brevity, Applicant may not have equally addressed every assertion made in the Office Action, however, this does not constitute any admission or acquiescence. Applicant reserves all rights not exercised in connection with this response, such as the right to challenge or rebut any tacit or explicit characterization of any reference or of any of the present claims, the right to challenge or rebut any asserted factual or legal basis of any of the rejections, the right to swear behind any cited reference such as provided under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, or the right to assert co-ownership of any cited reference. Applicant does not admit that any of the cited references or any other references of record is relevant to the present claims, or that they constitute prior art. To the extent that any rejection or assertion is based upon the Examiner's personal knowledge, rather than any objective evidence of record as manifested by a cited prior art reference, Applicant timely objects to such reliance on Official Notice, and reserves all rights to request that the Examiner provide a reference or affidavit in support of such assertion, as required by MPEP § 2144.03. Applicant reserves all rights to pursue any cancelled claims in a subsequent patent application claiming the benefit of priority of the present patent application, and to request rejoinder of any withdrawn claim, as required by MPEP § 821.04.

CONCLUSION

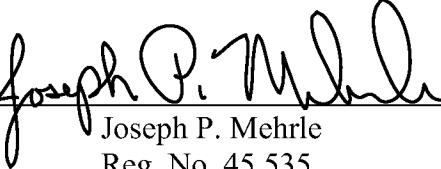
Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's representative at (513) 942-0224 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or deficiencies, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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